

**SCHOOL NOTES**

By VIVIAN CLARKSON,  
LAWRENCE RICE.

Earl Farrell is absent from school this week.

Louie Francke has taken up work in the sixth grade.

The children are back at work after their Thanksgiving pleasures.

We are reluctant to erase our Thanksgiving blackboard decorations.

On Monday of this week, Nellie Cogswell entered the fourth grade.

Nearly all of the non-residents spent their Thanksgiving vacation at home.

The Seniors are taking up state civics having finished the United States civics.

The ninth grade has dropped English and will take book keeping for six weeks.

The high school quartette furnished several selections for the teachers' banquet.

There was a large number of visitors in the primary room Nov. 24, to hear the Thanksgiving program.

We are glad to see Ella Kennally back in school after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness.

If you want to know the meaning of "Pollywags" don't go to the dictionary; just ask some of the Freshmen.

Father Blaere gave a very helpful talk to the High School Wednesday morning. We will all be glad to have him come again.

Leo Cogswell and Ruth Geyer enrolled in the primary room this week, which makes an enrollment of forty-nine. Nineteen got certificates of perfect attendance.

The normal training class has dropped arithmetic and will take geography the rest of the semester. They will take their arithmetic examination Thursday.

Those receiving perfect attendance certificates from the fifth and sixth grades this month are, Kathleen Yeast, Alfred Ganow, Leon Hilsinger, Dwyer Hoxey, Bryon Quigley, Otho Bachelor Milton Nicholson, Cherrie Leaneagh, Donald McLean, Irene Northrop, Leone Anderson, Queen

Moon, Esther Shepard, Helen Horpby, Hazel Corbin, Eldene Sparks, Catherine Hoos and Harry Rector.

Dewey Keister, Clyde McNeil, Raymond Reagle, Myrtle Sheldon, Ollie James and Georgie Sloneker have been promoted to the sixth grade and are doing good work in that grade.

The High School have begun preparations for a musical entertainment to be given Dec. 17, the proceeds to go to the piano fund. Choruses, glees, quartettes and trios are being drilled, a number of choice instrumental selections are planned and an excellent program is promised. Further announcement will be made at a later date.

The pupils in the seventh and eighth grades whose average was 90 or over are: Ballard Hutchison, Cletus Haley, Maisie Smith, Emma Anderson, Andrew Galloway, Amanda Reagle, Mae Peters, Myrtle Fitzgerald, Albert Foster, Mina Keister, Grace Brayton, Nellie Francke, Everett Northrup, Burton Howe, Martha Haley, Virgil Hobson, Rosa Lawson, Ruth Lamoreaux, Jennie Graham, Leroy Brosius, Carl Christensen.

The following program will be given in the high school building Friday at 1:30 p. m., Dec. 10, by the Philomathean society. You are invited to come:

- Music.
- Recitation - Cecile Garlock
- Original Story - Elsie Hunt
- Recitation - Ralph Green
- Biography - Charles Daniels
- Recitation - Gordon O'Kief
- Essay - Vera Wilson
- Recitation - Howard Lamoreaux
- Soliloquy - Ella Kennally
- Paper - The Seniors, Edwin House
- Music.
- Impersonation - Bertha Holsclaw
- Recitation - Wm. Palmer
- Quotations - Vivian Clarkson
- Paper - The Freshmen, Harold Yeast
- Recitation - Clarence Spence
- Medley - Flora Clarkson
- Recitation - Maude Rector
- Current Events, Florence Shellbourne
- The North Pole - Eugene Taylor
- Paper - Edna Hobson
- Recitation - John Jackson
- Essay - Lizzie Gassan
- Discussion - That Aerial Navigation Will Never Be Practical.

Affirmative, Lee Stillwell  
Negative, Ed Cohota

- Music.
- Euology - The Looking Glass, Pearl Carey
- Invective - Helen Bachelor
- Recitation - Clinton Sh. ard
- Essay - George Elliott
- Book Review - Pearl McNeil
- Recitation - Anna Galloway
- Prophecy - Mary Cogswell
- Recitation - Effie Grooms
- Oration - James Church
- Recitation - Leona Hermann
- Parody - Jane Taylor
- Essay - Ralph Brosius
- Recitation - Ada Pike

Debate - Resolved That City Life is Preferable to Country Life. Affirmative, Mary Jacobs and Lawrence Rice; negative, Bertha Helzer and Marjorie Garret.

Dialogue - Lochies' Warning, Raymond Jones, Geo. Kreycik.

The V. H. S. Limelight, Hazel Carlson

Song - Old Folks at Home, Freshmen and Girls.

**Reading Circle Banquet.**

At six o'clock p. m., on Friday, Nov. 26, at the opera house, The Cherry County Reading Circle banquet was served to about ninety people.

As Marguerite Haley played a lively march the guests lined up by number, and, marching twice around the tables, beautiful with snowy linen and fresh flowers, quickly found their places. After an earnest invocation by Rev. J. E. Baker of the Methodist church, they were served with the following supper:

- Fruice
- Celery
- Baked Chicken and Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes
- Bread Butter Jelly
- Waldorf Salad served with Lettuce
- Coffee
- Fruit Salad and Whipped Cream
- Levi Sparks, as toast-master, congratulated the teachers upon the excellent work done in the schools, and in a few words of kindly humor put speakers and listeners at ease and in sympathy.
- C. H. Myers, in responding to the toast "If I Were King," won much personal favor by his optimistic outlook and promise of

future immunity from industrial and political evils.

Mrs. Lillian Wooster, in the Mother Tongue, pointed out the beauties of the English language and declared efficient instruction in reading and composition to be the open door to all other realms of knowledge.

Judge Walcott was quite at home on Picnic Grounds; paid a deserved tribute to the Valentine junior normal picnic of state wide reputation. Spoke of the undesirable picnic of the teacher with the difficult school, and the real picnic of the teacher who teaches under ideal conditions and ended with the wish that the life of the county superintendent in her new home might be one unending picnic.

Julia Van Driel honored the Valentine schools as their representative toast Ideals and sat down amidst hearty applause.

J. J. McLean read an article by Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver on Altruism in education. Everyone was sorry when the call "Time" left some of the excellent articles yet undelivered.

Mrs. E. P. Bettenga honored both women and men in her scholarly review of the woman's position in the world's work.

C. A. Ruby of Wood Lake while not himself illustrating his toast, left his hearers in perfect sympathy with the value of work done by the prodders.

D. F. Story in his theme "The Boy of To-morrow" sees their future determined by the amount of education and preparation they are receiving.

Mrs. F. M. Walcott spoke from her heart on the subject Athletics, being the wife and mother of two all-round athletes, her son for the past three years having played football on the "Varsity" team and never having lost to his school a single point through a poor play. She believed thoroughly in the training received in the power of self control gained, the power of co-operation developed and the ability to rejoice in the good work done by another.

One of the happiest features of the evening was the music furnished by Miss Julia Van Driel, Kate Helzer, Marie Christensen, and Alice McLean.

When we say that the Banquet was served by the Aid Society of the Methodist church it goes without saying that it was delicious and abundant.

**Nebraska Public Library Commission.**

The Nebraska Public Library Commission was created by the legislature of 1901 to aid in establishing new public libraries, to improve the condition of those already in existence, and to maintain a circulating library for the state. The resources of the library and the activities of the commission for the year ending November 1, 1909, are shown in the following statement:

**RESOURCES OF THE LIBRARY:**  
Number of volumes in traveling libraries.....4520  
Number of volumes in Bohemian traveling libraries. 630  
Number of volumes in reserve collection for special study 2543  
Total.....7693

**CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.**  
Number of volumes sent out. 9677  
Number of places to which books were sent..... 434

**WORK WITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**  
The secretary, in addition to carrying on a large correspondence concerning library affairs in the state, has traveled over 300 miles in furthering the library progress in Nebraska. She has given advice in bookbuying to school, club, and public libraries, has conducted a correspondence course for untrained librarians, has visited 20 libraries, has assisted in the organization of five new libraries, and has reorganized six libraries.

For further information concerning the Public Library Commission, address the secretary, Miss Charlotte Templeton, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**WHAT THE COMMISSION DOES:**  
Supplies communities with free reading through traveling libraries.

Acts as a reference library for the whole state, sending out available material on any subject on request.

Assists in organizing new libraries and re-organizing old ones.

**WRITE TO THE COMMISSION.**  
If your community wants good wholesome reading.  
If you want help in a high school debate, or a club paper.  
If you want books along any special line for your own reading.  
If your town is contemplating establishing a public library.  
If you want help in selecting books for your school library.

For any information regarding books or libraries, write to THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION, Lincoln, Nebr.

**St. Nicholas Church.**

In Crookston on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 10 a. m.  
LEO M. BLAERE, Rector.

Don't neglect to send a dollar for THE DEMOCRAT and mention our special offer or send clipping. Every tenth subscription free. See our advertisement in this paper.

U. S. Land Office, Broken Bow, Nebraska, November 13, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Lewis Kissmann, contestant, against homestead entry No. 0951, made June 29, 1904, for all of section 21, Township 25N, Range 33W, 6th P. M., by Herman C. Gumprecht, contestee, which it is alleged that said Herman C. Gumprecht has wholly abandoned said tract for more than six months last past, and that he has never established an actual residence on said tract, that the same is wholly abandoned, and that the tract is in its wild and unimproved state, and that all of said defects exist at this date and have not been cured.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear and respond and offer evidence touching said allegation on at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 3, 1910, before J. H. Welton, U. S. Commissioner, Mullen, Nebr., and that the final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 4, 1910, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office in Broken Bow, Nebraska.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed Nov. 13, 1909 set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

J. H. WELTON, Register.

**Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.**

In the County Court of Cherry county, Nebraska, STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. Cherry County.

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Edward R. Richards, deceased: On reading the petition of Edna Richards praying a final settlement and allowance of her account filed in this court on the 15th day of November, 1909, and for a decree of final distribution.

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock p. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in The Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

**Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.**

In the county court of Cherry county, Nebraska, STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. County of Cherry.

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Jennie Barnes, deceased: On reading the petition of Edward Satterlee praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this court on the 3rd day of November, 1909, and for his discharge as administrator.

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in The Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

**Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.**

In the county court of Cherry county, Nebraska, State of Nebraska, ss. Cherry County.

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Lewis H. Smith, deceased: On reading the petition of Charles H. Cornell, one of the executors, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this court on the 15th day of November, 1909, and for their discharge and the distribution of said estate.

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in The Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

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**Legal Notice.**

Herman Johnson, Mary Johnson, his wife, real name unknown, and the unknown heirs and devisees of Emil M. Perrig, deceased, will take notice that on the 4th day of November, 1909, P. Flor Digmann filed his petition in the District Court of Cherry county, against each and all of the aforesaid defendants, the object and prayer of which are to have the title of the said P. Flor Digmann in and to Lot One (1), and the southeast quarter of section twenty-four (24), in township thirty-five (35), range thirty-one (31), west of the sixth principal meridian, in Cherry county, Nebraska, quieted and confirmed in the plaintiffs as against the claims, interests and demands of the defendants. That the defendants and each and all of them be decreed to have no interest in, lien upon or claim to the real estate described above and that all the claims of the various defendants be cancelled, annulled and satisfied of record. That each and all of the defendants be forever enjoined from asserting any interest in, lien upon, or claim to the aforesaid premises. That the court decree that the title taken by Emil M. Perrig from William S. Hatton to the real estate described above was taken in trust for the plaintiff by the said Emil M. Perrig, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 20th day of December, 1909.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1909.

P. FLOR DIGMANN, Plaintiff.

**R. M. Faddis & Co.**  
Postoffice address - Valentine or Kennedy.  
Some branded on left thigh.  
  
Horses branded on left shoulder or thigh.  
  
Some branded on left shoulder or thigh.  
  
Some branded on right thigh or shoulder.  


**P. H. Young.**  
Simeon, Nebr.  
Cattle branded as cut on left side  
  
Some on right side  
Some on left side  
Some on left jaw of V horses.  
Range on Gordon Creek north of Simeon.

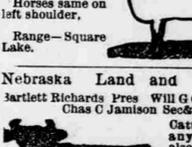
**Albert Whipple & Sons.**  
Rosebud S. D.  
Cattle branded 808 on left side  
808 on right side  
Some cattle also have a + on neck  
Some with a + on left shoulder and some branded with two +s across hind quarters. Some Teas on left side.  
  
Cattle branded S O on left side and some on left side.  
Horses branded 808 on left hip. Some cattle branded A W bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses.

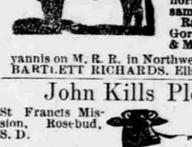
**N. S. Rowley.**  
Kennedy, Nebraska.  
Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses.  
  
Some on left side.  
Some cattle branded with a + on left side or hip.  
Some cattle branded with a + on left side or hip.  
Some cattle branded with a + on left side or hip.  
Some cattle branded with a + on left side or hip.  
Some cattle branded with a + on left side or hip.

**C. P. Jordan.**  
Rosebud, S. D.  
Horses and cattle same as cut; also C. P. J. on right hip.  
Range on Oak and Butter creeks.  
Liberal reward for information leading to detection of rustlers of stock bearing any of these brands.  


**R. M. Terrill, Propr.**  
Brownlee, Nebr.  
Cattle branded as in cut on left side. Some are branded with V on left hip. Range on North Loop river, two miles west of Brownlee.  


**J. A. Yaryan.**  
Pullman, Nebr.  
Cattle branded JY on right shoulder.  
Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.  


**D. M. Sears.**  
Kennedy, Nebr.  
Cattle branded as on left side.  
Some on left hip.  
Horses same on left shoulder.  
Range - Square Lake.  


**Nebraska Land and Feeding Co.**  
Bartlett Richards Pres Will G Comstock, V. P. Chas C Jamison Sec & Treas  
Cattle branded on any part of animal; also the following brands:  
  
Horses branded the same.  
Range between Gordon on the F. & M. V., R. B. and Yannis on M. R. B. in Northwestern Nebr., BARTLETT RICHARDS, Elsworth, Nebr.

**John Kills Plenty.**  
St Francis Mission, Rosebud, S. D.  
Cattle branded as in cut; horses same on left thigh, Range between Spring Ck and Little White river.  


**Sawyer Bros.**  
Oasis, Nebr.  
G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. Horses on left shoulder. Some on left side.  
  
Horses on same left thigh. Range on Snake river.

**Metzger Bros.**  
Kolve Nebr.  
Cattle branded anywhere on left side.  
Earlmark, square crop right ear.  
Horses have same brand on left thigh.  
Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks.  
A reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.  


**Roan Bros.**  
Woodlake Neb.  
Range on Long Lake and Crooked Lake.  


**Public Sale**  
OF  
**Registered Stock**  
**Gordon, Neb.,**  
**Sat., Dec. 17, 1909,**  
At Trueblood Bros' Barn.  
**8 REGISTERED SHORTHORN BULLS,**  
by the \$1,000 bull, COUNT WATERLOO (151016). These bulls are all coming two years old and will be the only bulls of that age for sale, the get of this famous bull. Another advantage is that they are acclimated, being raised at Gordon where their mothers had ordinary range care and were not pampered in any way. These bulls never were used but are guaranteed breeders.  
COUNT WATERLOO is a dark red bull, very low down, of the regular beef type. His weight in good breeding condition is 1900 pounds. Fat, he would weigh 2200 pounds or more.  
**ALSO: TWO POLAND CHINA BOAR PIGS,** of the big kind, and as fine a pair as you will see anywhere.  
**Four Suckling Mule Colts.**  
**Martin Hansen, Owner.**  
G. E. PRICE, Auct. Sale begins at 1 p. m. BRUCE HEWETT, Clerk